

WASHINGTON (June 9) – The Financial Services Committee, chaired by Rep. Spencer Bachus, will hold a hearing on June 29 at the National Computer Forensics Institute in Hoover, Alabama on the threat cybercriminals pose to individuals and financial institutions.

The National Computer Forensics Institute trains law enforcement officers from across the country on how to detect, prevent and prosecute cyber crimes. The institute was established in 2007 through a partnership of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the U.S. Secret Service, the State of Alabama, the City of Hoover, Shelby County, the Alabama District Attorneys Association and the Alabama Securities Commission.

“In a relatively short time, the Internet has become an essential part of our daily lives and our economy. That’s why it is imperative for us to continually confront the threat posed by cybercriminals here at home and abroad who try to discover and exploit weaknesses in our security,” said Chairman Bachus. “The National Computer Forensics Institute plays a vital role in our protection and the Committee will meet there to learn more about its work to address the dangers posed by cyber attacks to our economy and financial system.”

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The hearing will be held at the National Computers Forensics Institute, 2020 Valleydale Road, Hoover, on June 29 at 2 p.m. CT.

Witnesses are:

- Alvin T. Smith, Assistant Director, United States Secret Service
- Randall Hillman, Executive Director, Alabama District Attorneys Association
- Gary Warner, Director of Research, Computer Forensics, University of Alabama
- Douglas "Clay" Hammac, Shelby County Sheriff's Office, Columbiana, AL